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Ryan Yates, Andrea Hagarty, and Stephanie Yates are excited to celebrate 100 years of the Bonnie View Inn this weekend.  
Photo by Mike Baker.

## Bonnie View celebrates 100th

By Mike Baker

When Andrea Hagarty handed in her resume at the Bonnie View Inn in summer 1991, she planned to wait tables for a season before moving on to her next adventure.

“That was 33 years ago,” Hagarty told *The Highlander* last week. “I guess the

adventure I was looking for was here all along.”

The iconic lodge overlooking Lake Kashagawigamog turns 100 this year. An anniversary celebration is taking place Sept. 1, with Hagarty, who still works at the inn part-time, and on-site owners Ryan and Stephanie Yates, inviting the

community to help mark the milestone. It will be a “festival-type day” Hagarty said, with live music, performed by County band The Ya Babys.

Reflecting on the centennial, Hagarty said Bonnie View has endured much over the years. The site was established in 1924, with two cabins on the water.

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## Gull Lake family buys Minden’s Rockcliffe

By Lisa Gervais

Gull Lake’s Jim Ecclestone recalls visits to the Rockcliffe when he was in his late teens and early 20s. His children, twin daughters, Laura and Jamie, and son, Matthew, also raised a glass or two at the iconic Minden tavern in the day.

Jim Ecclestone said seeing Minden’s downtown Rockcliffe in its current rundown state was bothering him.

A friend of The Rockcliffe - Moore Falls owners’ Mark and Lise Dracup, and Dan Gosselin and Kirsty Goodearle, they all got to talking one day.

The Dracups, Gosselin and Goodearle purchased the Minden Rockcliffe in 2021 – hoping to reinvigorate it as a small hotel, restaurant and tavern. However, their plans fell through and they announced in August 2023 they were looking to sell.

“I said, ‘I’ll take it off your hands’,” Ecclestone told the two couples. He said Laura, Jamie and Matthew technically own the property now, but he is helping out while the three work for the family business, Calstone, based out of Scarborough.

“They actually own it and dad’s doing all this early work on it,” he said during an interview with *The Highlander* Aug. 27.

County residents would have noticed work on the exterior of the building the last couple of weeks, including a new paint job and plants. Contractor Shane Gallagher is leading the charge.

Jim Ecclestone said, “we just wanted to fix it for the town – clean it up, plant some flowers, paint it, and make it look nice. This is only week two, and we’ve already done a lot. By the end of this week, we’ll probably be finished with what we’re going to do on the outside, temporarily, and then we move inside.”

With a dumpster slowly filling outside, Ecclestone said the inside of the building “is a disaster.”

He said they will be ripping up floors in certain areas to see if structurally, the building is worth saving.

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# Family wants to give back to community

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“Because we don’t even know that yet. So, the worst case is it ends up looking better than it has forever... and somewhere down the line my kids will decide what they are going to do with it. If we can save it, then they’ll start to develop a business plan for it. We have no business plan for it right now.”

He said they would liaise with the Township of Minden Hills, and mayor Bob Carter, throughout the process.

Carter told *The Highlander* Ecclestone told him his family were fifth generation cottagers with a soft spot for Minden. He’s thrilled at the prospect of what might happen.

“They want to do something to make downtown Minden look nice and we encourage that as much as possible,” the mayor said. “In terms of business improvement and economic development, we’ll give them all the help that we can.”

Ecclestone said it would probably be a month before they know what they are dealing with. A crew of friends and professionals from the Gull Lake area is helping him out. He said Gallagher is committed to two-to-three years of work “if everything goes well.” For now, Gallagher said, “we’re going to assess the damage.”

Ecclestone said they are both excited about the project, and the prospect of saving the 130-year-old building. “We’re hopeful that we can save it.”

Ecclestone said people have been coming by as the work progresses, “and the smiles on their faces – that gives us inspiration, too...everyone is stopping and waving, excited about it.”

He added it is way too premature to say if it would even return as a tavern. If they do something with the existing property, it could be three years away.

Gallagher chimes in, “it will be a hundred times better than what it was... no matter what we do.”

Adds Ecclestone, “we’re very fortunate our company has done very well and we can give back to the community and make a difference. That’s what it’s all about.”

Shane Gallagher and Jim Ecclestone outside of the Rockcliffe Tavern building. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*





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# Kash resort a generational attraction

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Hagarty said people would come to Haliburton County via train from the city, then have to navigate a horse and buggy through winding country roads to get to the inn.

The Moody family took over in 1935, building a main lodge and adding several new cabins. They steered the resort through the latter stages of the Great Depression and the Second World War, before selling to Jack and Gisele Young in 1950. The Youngs owned Bonnie View until 1970.

Hagarty isn't sure who bought the inn from the Youngs, with the ownership trail picking up again in 1982, when Ted and Joyce Waffle bought it. They ran it for five summers, ceasing operations in 1987. Bonnie View sat empty for two years, save for the wildlife which had taken refuge. Hagarty was working at nearby Birch Point Lodge by this time.

"The inn was left with the tables still set. Raccoons were living inside, teens saw it as a good party spot," said Hagarty, a teenager herself then. "I may have been a teen partyer."

In 1989, the Bikowski family bought the inn and, alongside Peter Mavroukas, revitalized the space. Hagarty joined two years later. While born and raised in Mississauga, she had been visiting Haliburton County, and specifically Lake Kashagawigamog, since she was a small child. To her, it was home.

## Hagarty influence

Hagarty maintained her job at Bonnie View and waited tables at McKecks and at the Pinestone for a couple of years, before Mavroukas completely took over in 1994. Shortly after, the inn's manager suddenly quit, leaving Hagarty to temporarily fill in. She was in her early 20s at the time.

"I didn't know what I was doing – I was running the place by myself," Hagarty said. The gig turned into a permanent one, Hagarty bought a cottage down the road, and slowly built her team.

While Bonnie View has shaped almost the entirety of her professional life, it was the catalyst for her home life, too. She met Monte Miscio, the inn's chef, in the mid-90s and the two quickly became an item. Together they had two children, Paydon and

Macy, who both grew up at the resort.

Macy, 20, works as a waitress on the patio overlooking the lake in the summer. She'll be there this weekend, doubling as a reporter – gathering stories from guests for a documentary she's compiling on Bonnie View's history.

She told *The Highlander* about countless memories she made there.

"There used to be an old telephone booth just outside the resort. I would have friends over and we would dress up in funky outfits, call the resort from the phone and 'book' a room. Then we would come into the lobby and pretend to check in as different characters," Macy said. "One of our favourites was getting on each other's shoulders and wearing a trench coat. My mom and staff made it very fun for us."

## Oink oink

Hagarty and Miscio bought the inn in 2005, using savings, proceeds from the sale of Hagarty's cottage, a bank loan, and small personal loans from longtime guests Jim and Kathy McLeod and Dianne and Arie Vanderboom – who wanted to see the pair succeed.

By this time, Bonnie View was becoming famous thanks to one very special guest – a domesticated house-trained pig named Penelope.

"I had always wanted a pet pig when I was a kid, so I got myself one. Penelope sat in the front lobby and greeted people for years. It got to the point where repeat guests would bring some kind of pig-themed gift for me to put up," Hagarty said, estimating, at one point, there were around 3,000 items on display.

Penelope passed in 2008, but Hagarty went out and got another, naming it Daisy. The pig lived at Bonnie View until 2020. It now lives at Killara Station and has undergone a necessary name change.

"It turns out Daisy is actually a Duke," Hagarty laughed.

## The stories

Hagarty said she feels blessed to have played a major role in thousands of people's important milestones.

She's now seeing the generational impacts – the kids who used to run riot around the property when she first started have now



Andrea Hagarty has spent more than 30 years as an employee, and then owner, of the Bonnie View Inn. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

grown up and are bringing their own little ones.

"Coming to Bonnie View is a family tradition for many. We had guests here just last week who said their grandparents came here all the time, then their parents, and now they're picking up the baton," Hagarty said.

Victoria Harding was the production manager of the two *Camp Rock* movies that were filmed in Haliburton County in the late 2000s. She and around 100 members of the management team stayed at Bonnie View for the duration.

"Andrea and her team were troopers and figured out how to accommodate our needs – the toughest part was having to leave and come back to the city every weekend as the resort was generally sold out," Harding said.

She has returned with her family on several occasions in the years since and plans to attend this weekend's milestone celebration.

"We just love it there – the suites are very accommodating. We were treated so well. The property is fun and well-equipped. It's always a favourite," Harding said.

Yates said he's fully acclimatized to northern living now. He moved with his

family from Oakville in 2020. He was familiar with the area, having cottaged on Little Boshkung Lake for most of his youth. Yates said he's always wanted to give his four kids "the full cottage experience."

As of June 30, Hagarty has no stake in the property – a scary proposition for Yates, who said he's leaned on the former owner heavily through the transition. Hagarty said she feels comfortable taking another step back knowing general manager, Bonnie Warren, is around to help.

Weddings are back on the agenda this fall, with nine booked. There are also plans to launch a new weekday dinner service for locals, Monday through Thursday. It'll begin Sept. 3 and run to Thanksgiving.

Yates admitted there's pressure guiding the business into its 101st year but is confident in Bonnie View's innate ability to weather the bad times and thrive during the good.

"The goal is to keep this place around for another 100 years. I can't imagine the lake without this place," he said.

The anniversary celebration runs from 1 to 6 p.m.



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# County marks Overdose Awareness Day

By Mike Baker

With International Overdose Awareness Day right around the corner, Jack Veitch of the Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge, is reminding the public that drug and mental health services are available to those seeking them.

While there aren't any public events in the County this year to mark the occasion, recognized worldwide Aug. 31, Veitch said CMHA is continuing to promote education around drug use through its mobile mental health clinic, which visits the community every other week.

Intake has been strong since the program launched in December 2021 – with Veitch claiming both the number and complexity of cases CMHA is seeing has significantly increased since the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We’re starting to see the impact that isolation and disconnection had on the mental health and wellness of so many. I think the unfortunate repercussions [of increased drug use] are starting to play out,” Veitch said.

“Numbers are up, but so is the complexity of need. You think of a community like Haliburton County... people are more isolated and remote. Transportation can be an issue, cost of living can be an issue, accessibility to care can be an issue. Compound that with the housing situation and it’s no wonder things are getting worse,” Veitch added.

“What we’re seeing in the last two-to-three years is so different from what we were seeing five years ago.”

Talking to someone – whether a friend, family member, or professional – is the best first step towards healing, Veitch said.

“The first thing I always say is you’re not alone and you don’t have to do this alone. It can be an isolating feeling, almost like you’re the only person that’s ever been here – you

feel irredeemable, but in truth it’s the exact opposite. Many others have struggled with similar situations, and there are resources available that can help,” he said.

The local CMHA chapter was one of 45 national providers chosen to pilot a new 9-8-8 suicide crisis helpline last year, while it tripled the number of on-the-ground mental health workers in its communities from four to 12. A new ‘Safe Beds’ program opened in Peterborough, providing short-term temporary housing for anyone going through a mental health crisis – including people from Haliburton County.

Dane Record, chair of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy (HKLN), said the best way to reach people who are struggling, especially those with drug dependency issues, is to connect them with others who have lived experience.

“They’re the ones who have the information right at the beginning. The subject experts in this case are not the medical professionals, it’s the people who have used before, or are still using now. We need their input so we have evidence-based information, as opposed to anecdotes from [professionals] that go nowhere,” Record said.

A new Narcotics Anonymous group launched in the County over the summer, with the first meeting happening July 18. They meet every Thursday at The Link in Haliburton village, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The lead organizer, who requested anonymity, said the only requirement to attend is a desire to stop using.

“I have seen the devastation of this disease, especially in the last 17 years since I have been in recovery,” he said. “Meetings are free and there’s nothing to lose and much to gain. Having a community of like-minded people who have walked a mile in your shoes is a huge help in the process of getting clean.”

Drug use in the County is rampant,



Jack Veitch of CMHA Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge said both the number and complexity of cases the organization assists with has increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. *Submitted.*

according to Tom Regehr, who spent over a year running weekly meetings designed to bring people together to share their personal stories of struggle. He noted in an interview last year Class A substances like methamphetamine and heroin are a favourite of local users. Opioids such as fentanyl are also popular.

Record said opioids are popular because of their strength and accessibility.

“If generics can be easily manufactured and put out there, that’s just what happens,” Record said.

The Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge district health unit (HKPR) is publicly sharing statistics regarding opioid-related overdoses through a new portal on its

website. The health unit estimates there have been 224 hospitalizations due to opioid overdose in 2024, with 36 suspected deaths. That number already eclipses the total from 2022, when there were 34 deaths, and is more than half way towards last year’s total of 65 deaths.

The local John Howard Society branch, has been working with County residents since January 2023 through the Mapping a Plan program. Cathleen Meenan, a harm reduction and crisis counsellor, said over 62 people have accessed the program since September, 2023.

“The need in this community is great and we’re here to support those in need,” Meenan said.

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## MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

• *Voice of Pride*, curated by Scott Michael Walling, features artwork by emerging and established local queer artists. The exhibit is on display at the MHCC (Welch Room) until August 31. All are welcome. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-24-63-voice-of-pride-exhibit-at-the-minden-hills-cultural-centre.aspx>

• The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is pleased to welcome back local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward with their exhibit *Burner Herzog*. The exhibit is on display until November 23. Everyone is welcome. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-08-24-1000-Burner-Herzog-An-Exhibit-by-Gary-Blundell-and-Vict>

• Discover the site that inspired *Burner Herzog*, the exhibit by Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward, now on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. We will meet at the Gallery on September 7 (rain date September 14) for an artist talk and tour of the exhibit at 10 am, then drive separately to Deep Roots Adventure for lunch, followed by a guided hike to the Burner. Cost is \$25/person. Please email [culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca) or call 705-286-3763 x 542 for more information or to register.

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## NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

Proposed changes are included in the following Schedules and are also available on the website:

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building - Short-Term Rental Fees
- Schedule C Fire
- Schedule D Cultural Centre Programs and Facilities
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule I Environmental
- Schedule J Community Services Advertising

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 am unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- September 12 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 26 – Regular Council Meeting

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Dysart et al council were shocked to hear a replacement of the Koshlong bridge would cost around \$5.3 million. *File.*

# Koshlong Lake bridge rebuild in doubt

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council and public works staff are going back to the drawing board after learning the planned replacement of the Koshlong Lake bridge came in more than \$4 million over budget.

Rob Camelon, public works director, told council Aug. 27 the township received a lone bid, from Four Brothers Construction in Orillia, who said they could complete the work for just over \$5.25 million. Dysart had budgeted \$1.1 million for the project.

“Still stinging on this one,” Camelon said. “We didn’t see it coming. Needless to say, we’re not recommending awarding this. We’re going to come back with a few

different options.”

Another bid, submitted by HugoMB Contracting Inc., was submitted after the tender deadline and wasn’t considered.

Issues with the bridge were first identified in December 2022, when Camelon asked council to approve new legislation limiting the weight of vehicles crossing the bridge. Engineering firm Tulloch completed a study of the 60-plus-year-old bridge in fall 2022, finding it was not up to modern safety standards and needs replacing. It was built in 1960.

Council opted to lower the allowable weight limit to 16 tons for single-unit vehicles, 29 tons for two-unit vehicles, and 42 tons for three-unit vehicles until 2027 –

though the decision was heavily criticized by homeowners in the area.

Residents Ken and Frances Hill, and Laurie Bruce, representing the Koshlong Lake Association, said the bridge was the only access point to properties for at least 147 residences in Dysart and Highlands East. They said the weight limits prevented emergency services, such as fire and EMS, from crossing.

In January 2023, council approved the purchase of a temporary bridge for \$188,533. It was installed in February, with all weight limits removed. Camelon noted this project was for a permanent replacement.

The public works director suggested putting the project out for tender again in the new

year – possibly at the same time as the bridge crossing Redstone Brook.

He told council staff had investigated possible detours – but the only workable option would see people travelling an additional 27 kilometres, with a four-to-five kilometre stretch of that traversing private property.

“So that brings its own challenges,” Camelon said, noting the detour would also cross into Crown land.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said the township may have no option but to abandon the project if it doesn’t receive any lower bids during the next round.



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# Playground puts Harcourt ‘on the map’

By Lillie Qiu

Harcourt got a new playground, next to its community centre this past weekend.

The playground is for kids and teenagers, and includes a couple of slides, a multi-person spinner, similar to a teeter-totter but one can rock on it, and several climbing elements. The playground comes in vibrant colours, such as purples and teal blues.

“We wanted to make sure we had different elements for everybody to enjoy and be able to come up and parallel play or co-play with other people,” said Andrea Mueller, the programs and events manager with the Municipality of Dysart et al.

The playground cost \$150,000 and was funded by an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Laurie Scott cut the ribbon.

A member of the township’s parks and recreation department, Ryan Akey, was also at the event. Scott acknowledged the government grant and the impact on the community.

Lindsay Watling, a parent of a child who will be using the playground, and a committee member for getting the playground, said, “we’re far from Haliburton, even though we’re Dysart, and we don’t get the same amenities as the Dysart ‘in town’ get. So, for us to have this new space and a space that all ages can play in, is a huge deal. It’s going to be a game-changer for all ages of kids coming out to play, rather than just



MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Laurie Scott before cutting the ribbon at the playground opening in Harcourt. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

what we had here, which was very limited.”

Watling added it was a challenge to stretch \$150,000 to make the playground, but was proud to have been a part of it. “I’m just happy that the kids have a space now to come and play. Because really, that’s what it’s all about,” Watling said.

Jenann Gadway, another parent and committee member, echoed Watling and said

she is excited to see her son play in the new playground.

“I think it also puts us on the map. Harcourt is a little far from Dysart, so it puts us on the map, for sure. I’m just excited to have somewhere to just hang out.”

Gadway loves the new playground, from the climbing apparatuses to the colours, to how it caters to toddlers and teenagers. “I

think we will encourage people to travel into the little village of Harcourt and use our amenities. We have the beautiful community centre, we have the park, and we have the rink, and that’ll encourage people to come and spend money at our convenience stores, eat at our restaurants, and it will just bring more people to this community,” Gadway said.





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# Hornets 'terrorizing' honeybees

By Mike Baker

Nina Riberdy was shocked earlier this summer when, while inspecting her 16 honeybee colonies, she found a large hornet hunting discombobulated worker bees.

The Haliburton resident said she's noticed an increased presence of hornets on her property since last summer. After moving to the County in 2018, she and her husband first enquired about having someone bring a beehive or two to their 100-acres on Tom Bolton Road, to help pollinate apple trees and raspberry and blackberry bushes.

There were no takers, so she and husband, Jamie, established their own set-up. They watched YouTube tutorials to learn the basics and took a beekeeping course in Peterborough.

"It's a lot of money and even more work, but we enjoy it," Riberdy said. "You'd think bees know what they're doing and that they'll be fine doing their own thing... but they actually need a lot of help."

The hornets she's seen hanging around are big – over an inch long, Riberdy said. Her first encounter last year was eye-opening.

"We have to walk about 80 yards from our house to the bee yard. As I was walking, I heard something buzz by me. I didn't get a good look the first time, but then saw it land on some tall grass. I went over to check it out and it was definitely a hornet – he had captured a grasshopper and was halfway through eating it," Riberdy said.

Her second sighting, a few weeks ago, was in the couple's "bee barn" as Riberdy calls it. They use the space to stack empty honey supers, which usually attract hungry bees on their way back to the hive.

Only this time, the bees weren't alone.

"The hornet was in there hunting the honeybees – I couldn't believe it," she said.

Marylou Clark, who has five colonies she cares for – each containing between 40,000 and 50,000 bees, said she's seen hornets circling her hives all summer. Earlier this month, while doing some yard work, Clark came across a hornet that had half-eaten one of her bees.

Both Clark and Riberdy killed the hornets and took pictures, sending them to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). They feared the pest might have been the Northern Giant Hornet, also known as the murder hornet,



Beekeepers Nina Riberdy and Marylou Clark say their hives have been terrorized by hornets this summer. Photo by Mike Baker.

which are indigenous to Asia.

They said OMAFRA identified them as standard European hornets.

Following up with *The Highlander*, the ministry said it does not track hornet activity but has established an online reporting tool for suspected sightings of the Northern Giant Hornet. OMAFRA works with the University of Guelph to ID the insects.

"Northern Giant Hornets are not present in Ontario, and it is unknown if they can survive Ontario winters," OMAFRA spokesperson Meaghan Evans said, noting there have been multiple confirmed sightings in British Columbia and Washington state since 2019.

Evans said European hornets are common, noting the species was introduced to North America more than 160 years ago. European hornets typically grow to between 2.5 to 3.5 centimetres, much smaller than the Northern Giant Hornet, which can grow to exceed five centimetres.

## A labour of love

Clark said the past three summers have been difficult, caring for the bees that her

husband, Robert, got when he retired. Robert was killed in a car accident in Lindsay in December 2021.

"So, they became my problem," Clark said with a smile.

Despite being allergic to bee stings, Clark said she never considered getting rid of the hives, saying they help maintain a connection with her late husband.

It's been a strange season this year, Clark said. While the last of the honey is usually collected by late July or early August, things were still going strong mid-month.

Clark doesn't sell her honey – instead gifting it to family and friends. That's given her a claim to fame. The niece of one of her friends, Alaina Ballantyne, used Clark's honey to set a new Guinness World Record in April 2023 for most honey eaten in one minute. Ballantyne, who lives in Mississauga, managed to put away 238 grams.

"That's a pretty cool thing – my name isn't in there, but it doesn't need to be. I'm just happy she decided to use my honey," Clark said.

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# Celebrating our history



By Lisa Gervais

Two iconic Haliburton County landmarks are in the news this week.

The first is Sunday’s 100th birthday celebration at the Bonnie View Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog.

The second is the Ecclestone family purchasing Minden’s former Rockcliffe Tavern.

It seems fitting that both stories coincide with the Labour Day weekend. It is always a rite of passage in the Highlands – as cottagers and visitors turn from carefree summer days and begin to think about returning to the city and getting their kids ready for school.

While they will dribble in and out until Thanksgiving weekend – and a hardy few will visit in winter – the exodus marks another turning of the wheel.

At one time, from about 1940 to 1969, resorts were a big business in Haliburton County. There were 17 alone on Kashagawigamog and Canning lakes. People would come for long stretches of time, weeks. Today, folks come for a few days. Times have changed.

Lakefront homes and cottages have replaced many of them, though there are still

lodges and summer camps for kids.

So, for Bonnie View to be marking 100 years is nothing short of remarkable. But it’s taken the blood, sweat and tears of Andrea Hagarty. While no longer the owner, she has helped out until present day. The lodge’s success has to do with pivoting with the times. For example, it is now a well-established Highlands wedding venue. They also bank on nostalgia, people coming as adults who came as kids.

Jim Ecclestone, whose kids have purchased the Rockcliffe in Minden, talks about boating up the Gull River and mooring in town. Trips to the Beaver Theatre, stopping at the tavern, going into the general store for back-to-school supplies. The grown adults remember it too. It’s part of the reason they made the purchase – to see if they can breathe life into the old place.

It’s early days. They don’t even know if the building, which has been sitting empty for years, can be saved. If it can – and that is a big ‘if’ – they’ll then begin to think about what to do with it. There is no guarantee it will ever be a tavern again. However, for now, it is already looking better than the eyesore it has been for years. It may have to

be demolished one day. Only time will tell.

However, at least the Ecclestone family care enough about its history to have a crack at it. We are inspired by what they are trying to do.

Can’t say enough about the Bonnie View, either. It exudes Haliburton County history. We applaud Andrea and the new owners for keeping that legacy alive.

So, we encourage folks to drop into the Bonnie View this Sunday from 1-6 p.m. to share stories of their experiences with the place. And, we encourage anyone making their way into downtown Minden to give Jim and Shane Gallagher and their workers a thumbs up as they continue work at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Newcastle Street.

The resort and the tavern are important parts of our history – and they deserve to be celebrated.

## HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

# Ping-ponging about her future

By Suan Tromanhauser

Paige Nelson came to Haliburton County for a summer job in Minden. Immediately, she felt comfortable in the area as she recognized the quaint village as a place she had visited as a child on road trips with her father. While the job was short-lived, as luck would have it, she met Efqay Singh from Sandy Lane Resort on Halls Lake. Everything fell into place. What started as one shift bartending for a wedding led to more shifts and then, soon, a full-time position.

Although Nelson had previous serving experience, she is now also getting familiar with the kitchen. Primarily focusing on the restaurant, Nelson also has opportunities to “switch it up,” cleaning cabins and helping out in other areas of the busy resort. Nelson’s previous summers were spent working on a farm, so she really enjoys meeting new guests each week and finds, “everyone is really sweet.” She particularly enjoys working with Singh’s wife, Jasmine, learning about Indian cuisine and reciprocating by teaching Jasmine about native plants. Together, they are learning about insects of the region.

Nelson thoroughly enjoys the nature and many trails of Haliburton County. She also points out how “cool” Carnarvon is, spending time at the Haliburton Highlands Brewery as well as the Country Bakery. In Nelson’s view, there is nothing better than the smell of fresh-baked goods.

Prior to moving to the Haliburton area,



Paige Nelson. Submitted.

Nelson lived in Peterborough for two years of studies at Trent University. First year, she entered the sustainable agriculture program but second year switched to a broader program of environmental resource studies. Nelson seems to be constantly drawn to Haliburton County as last year she attended a community-based resource project conference through Fleming College’s Haliburton campus.

Nelson is overwhelmed when faced with choices about what to do after graduation. She realizes there are new positions opening up each day in her field as society progresses in its understanding of the need to take care of the environment. She does know she “enjoys hands-on sampling, as opposed to working at a desk.”

For Nelson’s third year, the plan is to commute from her mother’s home. Her

mother and partner recently moved to cottage country from the “more expensive, busier, urban area of Barrie” where Nelson was raised. The commute to Peterborough is worth it to Nelson to stay in the area – rent free.

As Nelson’s final year of studies will be totally online, Nelson is unsure where she will be living. She can be anywhere as long as there is an internet connection. Nelson is hoping to be out west as her partner recently accepted a position with the Children’s Aid Society office in Trail, B.C.

Twenty-two-year-old Nelson ping-pongs between excitement, stress, anticipation and apprehension about all of the possibilities ahead. She knows she is indecisive about her future but is feeling ready to be done school and to see the world. One thing she is sure about; she will be returning to Haliburton.

*Correction:* In the story ‘Minden food bank ups hamper sizes’ in the Aug. 22 edition, we incorrectly identified Lynette Gray as a member of the Bob Lake Association. She is the assistant manager at the Minden Community Food Centre. We apologize for this error.



LETTERS

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Dear editor,

I would like to thank Minden Hills council for creating a community safety zone along Water Street.

Water Street boasts one of Haliburton County's most utilized and loved pedestrian walkways - the Riverwalk.

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From those of us who use and love the Riverwalk - thank you council for making Minden a safer place for all.

Aurora McGinn  
Minden Hills

Bump sign on Hwy. 503

Dear editor,

This so-called pavement repair is not only dangerous, it is damaging the front end of many vehicles that hit it, not realizing how bad it really is.

Whoever sent a crew out to install the bump sign, instead of sending a repair crew to do it properly, is lacking in leadership.

D. Davie  
Tory Hill

Leave my flag alone

Dear editor,

I remember the controversy way back when, when John Diefenbaker and Lester Pearson were debating about the Canadian flag.

I believe Diefenbaker wanted to adopt the British ensign while Pearson opted for a new Canadian design. The design was an open contest for the citizens of Canada to submit ideas. The current flag was chosen with its bold red maple leaf and distinctive red sidebars.

I came to Canada in 1947 from war-torn London, England. I married in 1961. I purchased property and built a home in Whitby in 1967 (Confederation year) and at the same time, applied for citizenship. I became a property owning, tax paying Canadian citizen. My flag is respected around the world.

It irks me to see it desecrated by these so-called "Pride" people. This LGBTQ+ group has designed their own flag and fly it whenever they can.

Leave my Canadian flag alone. To change the original design to advertise gay rights is not acceptable.

John Pugh  
Minden Hills

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Top left: Brad King sent this image of a Bald Eagle Eaglet on the Kennisis River. Top right: Grace Schuurmans sent this photo of a Hover fly on white phlox. Above: Vivien Mausz sent this photo of a stunning sunrise over Dark Lake.



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# Caitlin Luck and the dog days of summer

By Lisa Gervais

Caitlin Luck has gone to the dogs – and she wouldn’t have it any other way.

The owner of Cedar Grove Golden Retrievers is just back from a competition in Bracebridge, where her dog, Glow, was awarded the best female Golden by the Muskoka District Kennel Club.

Luck just returned from a dock diving event in Bowmanville this past weekend, where pooches, Glow and Stormy, competed for big air, speed retrieve, extreme vertical and iron dog.

She is also planning a litter of puppies for the fall – for the first time in more than a year.

She took a break from dog breeding amid a busy life that includes her son playing hockey, and her daughter dancing.

“When you have a litter of puppies, you really have to commit and stay home. For the first two weeks, I literally sleep on the couch beside them. They are in the living room and I basically have to be in there. You don’t go anywhere for two weeks,” Luck said while seated at her kitchen table, with Stormy and Glow, toys in their mouths, waiting patiently in the living room behind a child gate.

Following the full-on fortnight, there is another six weeks until the pups can go to their adopted home at two months of age.

Luck is planning a litter for Stormy, who turns five this December, and who has only had one litter. She does not want to keep her intact for longer than necessary without actually breeding her. She is currently investigating stud dogs, one in the U.S. and one in northern Ontario.

Luck said she prefers bringing the dogs together as opposed to having semen shipped. “I try to do things somewhat naturally because I feel like it benefits the dogs and is how Mother Nature intended it to be.

“There’s a lot that goes into choosing a stud, because I am not just putting two dogs together. I want to check them out. I want

the health and the structure of the dogs to match – you don’t want to breed two completely different dogs together because you’ll get two different extremes. The idea is I want a consistent litter, so I know their temperaments and structures are what a Golden Retriever should be.”

She researches pedigree, life longevity and what causes death, and things such as allergies. Luck does genetic testing to ensure two dogs that carry a similar gene for disease are not mated. She even has her dogs’ eyes annually checked by an ophthalmologist. At two, they have their hips and elbows certified. She’s never had a dog fail a health clearance, but has removed dogs from the breeding program because she does not like their temperament or structure.

“Ideally, my focus is to better the breed. When I’m breeding Stormy and I want to keep a puppy from her, I’m looking for a puppy that is improved upon her flaws because no dog is perfect.”

She prides herself on being an ethical breeder. “The showing, the training, the health clearances... I do try and educate people on it.” Her puppies are usually sold before they are born and only after she has met, and vetted, potential new owners. Cedar Grove has health guarantees and Luck does extensive training, such as emergency recalls, sitting for attention, and crate training.

## Best in show and dock diving

Luck shows five to 10 times a year. She brought Glow to Bracebridge the end of July-early August. They are conformation shows, assessing the dog’s structure, movement, and how they match up against the breed standard for the Canadian Kennel Club. The idea is to preserve the breed. Golden Retrievers were bred to hunt, so they need to exhibit a certain hardiness.

The shows entail a lot of grooming. Glow also showed in Sturgeon Falls in May, taking home a best in breed. Luck said it was



Caitlin Luck with Stormy and Glow. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

amazing as it was her first time winning that. The trio have also been doing dock diving, which Luck said is “fun.

“The dock is about 20-feet long on average and the pool is about 40-feet long,” Luck said. They train at Luck’s mom’s pool. One training method is to have them chase a toy. Stormy can jump 12-14 feet and Glow closer to 17 feet. The dogs do obedience competitions as well.

When it comes to dogs, and Goldens in particular, it’s all in the family. Her mom has been breeding dogs since Luck was 10. Her sister is also in the industry.

“I’m always learning and trying to do everything better,” Luck said. “It’s about trying to make people happy. They get a really good companion.”

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# Redstone writer shares incredible tale

By Lisa Gervais

Redstone Lake cottager, Susan Garrod-Schuster, was at book club discussing Kim Thuy's *Ru* – about a woman escaping Vietnam's Tet Offensive – when she heard acquaintance, Giang-Chau Ghent (whom she calls Chau) tell her own story.

Chau is the great-niece of the last empress of Vietnam. She is now married to the brother of Garrod-Schuster's friend, Martha. Chau fled Vietnam to make a new life in Canada.

After she shared Chau's story, Garrod-Schuster said she couldn't get it out of her mind.

"I said to Martha, 'that story has to be told'. I phoned Chau and asked, 'have you ever thought about writing this story?' She burst into tears and said, 'I've wanted to write it forever but my English isn't good enough and every time I remember what happened – I cry.'"

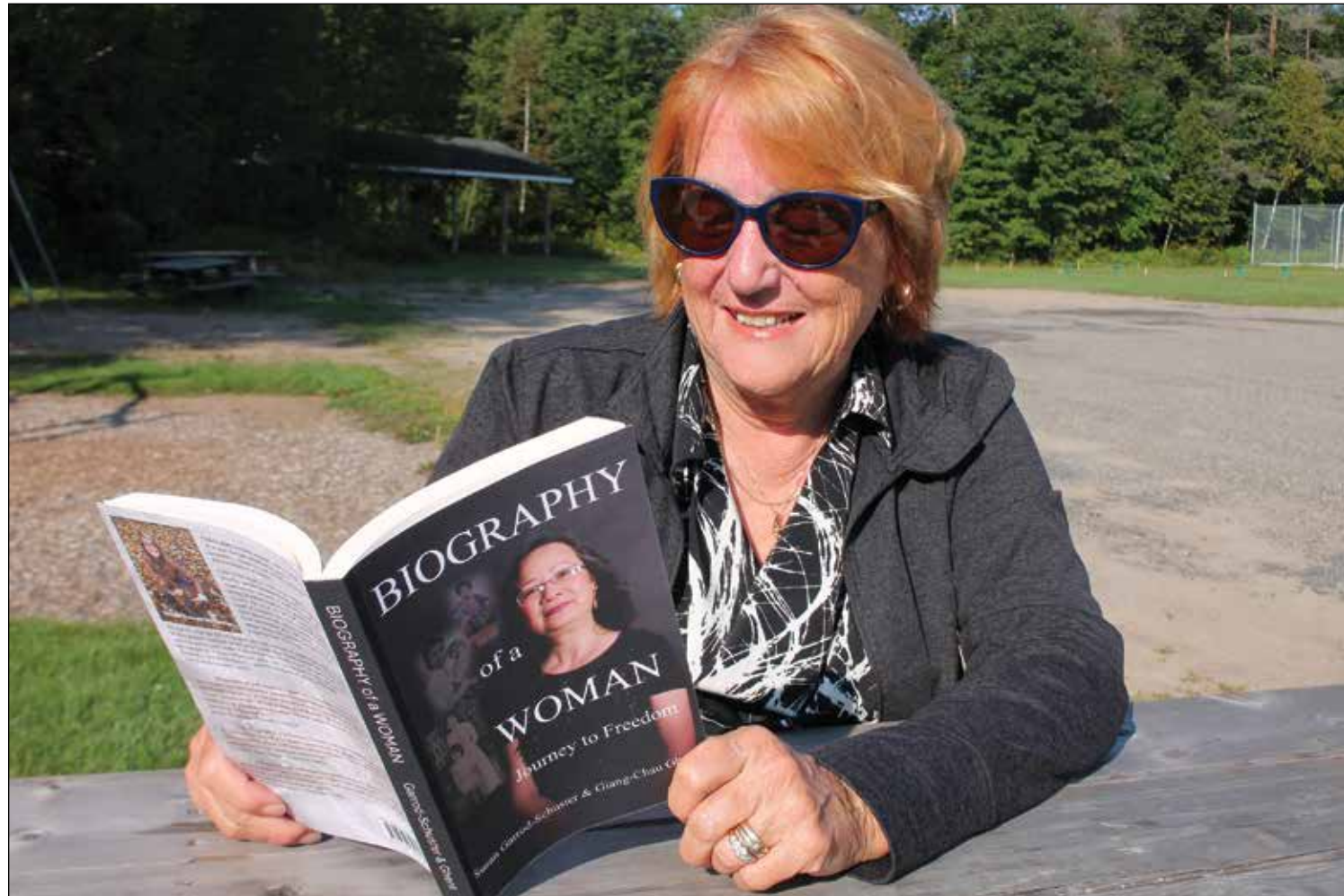
The telling and the writing took seven years to complete.

Garrod-Schuster will be at Master's Book Store in Haliburton Aug. 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The labour of love included extensive research into the geography and history of the Asian country, including the war, although Garrod-Schuster emphasizes war is not the focus of the book. The first part details Chau's life growing up in the royal family's palace compound, until the age of 25 when she escaped, first to a refugee camp, and then coming to Canada. She married and had children of her own. She returned to her native country for a visit in 2015.

She went from a place where if you dropped a spoon, a servant picked it up for you, to a refugee camp where she lined up for food. She came to Canada with two siblings. She raised \$20,000 to sponsor her mother and another four siblings to come. Now, all 10 siblings are in Canada.

The author tells of how the women in the family saved gold leaf and American dollars



Susan Garrod-Schuster with her book, *Biography of a Woman-Journey to Freedom*, written with Giang-Chau-Ghent. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and sewed them into clothing before fleeing, so it is also a tale of matriarchal feminism.

She thinks the book will appeal to "anyone who enjoys history, or things about other countries." For her, an immigrant from the U.K., she says there is no comparison to Chau as she was not a refugee, and spoke English. Chau was in danger for weeks.

One of the highlights for her in the writing was pride in nation, as in 1979, Canada welcomed 60,000 refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Garrod-Schuster came to the Highlands in the mid-90s, where the family initially built a bunkie and lived off-grid in summer for about 10 years, before constructing a three-season dwelling. It's there much of this book was written.

"To me, there's nowhere like Haliburton (County). I just absolutely love it here."

Garrod-Schuster said she has been a writer her entire life, and especially when preparing weekly sermons as a United Church minister.

"I always wrote, and my messages on a

Sunday were always story-driven. Always through the week, I looked for stories that I could share." As a sessional lecturer at University of Toronto and York University, she added she was always looking for story material, even in the classroom.

She's now working on a collection of short stories about being a minister in rural Ontario, and describes it as humorous, in the vein of Stuart McLean's *The Vinyl Café*.

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Seeing what HSAD is all about

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Top: Jacqui Goldberg, Valerie Davis-Kelly, and Ariane Cohen at the college faculty art auction. Above: Nicholas Russell, on guitar, and Marcus Thompson, on trumpet. Photos by Lillie Qiu.

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**Seniors enjoy Buckslide Blues Festival**

The Buckslide Blues Festival returned to Haliburton Forest’s Logging Museum this past weekend, with performances Aug. 23-25. The event was presented by the Haliburton Highlands Buckslide Blues Society. The two-day festival, which showcased Erin McCallum Duo and the Erin McCallum Band, Chuckee Zehr and the Tonewheels, attracted a large crowd, along with seniors from Haliburton and Minden seniors’ homes. The event was sponsored by CanoeFM, HCDC, the Haliburton Forest and New Horizons for Seniors. Through a New Horizons for Seniors grant, the festival was able to provide a ticket and bus transportation Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon for up to 40 seniors. The festival is a memorial to life-long blues fan Patrick Monaghan.



Glenn Marais, on guitar and vocals, and Manny De Grandis, on bass, performing the band’s set at the Buckslide Blues Festival. Inset: Seniors from the Haliburton and Minden seniors’ homes, Bob Stinson and Joan Chambers, attended the festival. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



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Above: Willow Ritchie, inside her tent at the Schoolhouse Pop-up market on Aug. 3.  
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Above: Chase McCloy gets his face painted by Jane Venner. Top right: Dezi Thomas, Erika Ritcey, Ruby Thomas, and Ryerson Hale all received ribbons for their racing exploits. Right: Kids lined up along the water for a shoe kicking contest. *Photos courtesy of Heather Venner.*



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Top: Grace Lewis, Jeannine Espie, Adam and Brooke Mathewson pose with the Rotary celebrity clown photo frame at Minden Rotaryfest. Bottom left: Eden Folco and Holly Carpenter observing a minnow racing down the chute during the minnow races. Below: Aurora McGinn and Marina McGowan at Minden Rotaryfest. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



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The Haliburton Highlands Rotaract Club held a yard and bake sale in West Guilford Aug. 24. Items included a towel heater, old books for \$1 each, lamps, kitchen appliances, works of art and children's books. There was also popcorn and coffee, along with cookies and baked breads for purchase. All proceeds support Rotaract initiatives in the community. Rotaract brings people ages 18-plus together to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. The people that are part of Rotaract are dedicated to finding innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges, all while getting to make friends from around the world, the local group says. One of the initiatives Rotaract takes part in is the Helping Hampers program, which provides baskets of essential goods to families. The baskets can include school supplies, food, and other essential items. Rotaract has also collaborated with Hook, Line and Sinker in Haliburton on concert partnerships. Doing these types of events allows Rotaract to not only raise money, but spread the word about what they're doing in the community.

Haliburton Highlands Rotaract members Taylor Vince, Anthony Columbro, and Christine Carr at the yard and bake sale in West Guilford. *Photo by Lillie Qiu.*



# Fresh-faced Huskies 'all about speed'

By Mike Baker

With the new Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) season just nine days away, Haliburton County Huskies head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay can't wait to bring Canada's favourite pastime back to life in the Highlands.

Players reported to S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for team meetings and practice Aug. 20, spending the past week getting to know one another off the ice, and learn the Huskies' systems and style of play.

Ramsay said it's a young team again to start the season, with only a handful of returning players.

First line forward Ty Petrou will aim to build on last season, when he finished second in team scoring with 57 points in 52 games, while fellow forwards Alex Bradshaw, Adam Smeeton, Isaac Larmand and Noah Lodoen are also back. The blueline will see the return of Raine Nadeau and Ethan Wright, with Brett Fullerton reprising his role between the pipes.

The Huskies have also added 19-year-old forward Tyler Oletic and 18-year-old defenceman Carson Littlejohn, who played last season with the Aurora Tigers; six-foot-two-inch blueliner Lukas Moore, who played in 29 games for the Lindsay Muskies in 2023/24; and 20-year-old left shot forward Deandres De Jesus, who registered 30 points in 56 games with the Caledon Admirals last year.

Nathan Poole, who spent the past three years playing with the Kingston Frontenacs in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) and was an alternate captain last season, has also signed. He registered 31 points in 144 OHL games.

"Speed and hard work have been our MO (usual habits) since we moved to Haliburton County. Our identity is leaning into physical play, being hard to play against. That's how we approached recruitment this summer," Ramsay said. "I'm excited, we've got some fast kids this year."

Ramsay got to see his team in action for the



Huskies forward Isaac Larmand battles for position in front of the net. Photo by Mike Baker.

first time Aug. 21, albeit in a losing 5-2 effort to expansion franchise King Rebellion. The Huskies followed that up with a 2-2 tie with the Lindsay Muskies Aug. 25.

De Jesus scored the Huskies first on the powerplay in King, assisted by Littlejohn and Petrou, with Moore notching the second, assisted by De Jesus and Littlejohn.

Against Lindsay, Poole was a constant menace. He opened the scoring just 1:25 into the first frame, assisted by De Jesus and Petrou, and was a scoring threat throughout. Larmand tied the game with seven minutes remaining in the third to force overtime. The Huskies dominated the extra frame, forcing several big saves from Muskies netminder Robby DiMaria and ringing the iron three

times. They couldn't find the breakthrough, though.

"I like what I'm seeing, the guys are meshing. I saw a big, positive difference on systems between the two games," Ramsay said. "We have tweaked some stuff from last year, so getting all the guys on the same page is the focus now. You can't do that in a week, but there are encouraging signs."

There's been no decision over who will replace Patrick Saini as team captain, Ramsay confirmed.

"We're waiting to see what everyone does, how players respond in the room," he said.

After working hard to get Poole signed, Ramsay said he's looking forward to seeing him in action once he's fully up to speed.

The 20-year-old has been dealing with an injury for most of the summer.

With OHL teams beginning their training camps over the next week or so, Ramsay said there will be more additions once players know where they stand. The Huskies still have a few overage positions to fill.

The team had its final exhibition game Aug. 27, routing the Muskies 7-4 in Minden. Bradshaw helped himself to a pair of goals with Petrou, Poole, Smeeton, Lodoen, and Wright also on the scoresheet.

The regular season begins Sept. 7 against the Leamington Flyers. Puck drop in Minden is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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## First grassroots soccer season winding down

The cool, crisp air set the stage for another exciting afternoon of soccer, Aug. 22, hinting that September is just around the corner. Yet, with summer still in full swing, these young athletes are fully immersed in the sport they love. The cooler weather didn't slow them down; it invigorated them, providing the perfect conditions to refine the skills they've been practicing all season long. As the season progresses, the gameplay has become more dynamic and thrilling. The pace on the field has quickened, with players making more precise passes, launching harder shots on goal, and delivering incredible, heart-stopping saves that leave spectators in awe. The intensity is at an all-time high, and these kids are rising to the occasion, handling every twist and turn of the game with remarkable composure and determination. The passion and grit they've shown is truly inspiring. Each player is pushing themselves to new limits, and it's evident in their performance. They've grown not just in skill, but in confidence and teamwork, making each match more competitive and exciting. The ups and downs of the season have been met with resilience, and these young athletes are truly shining, handling everything with the spirit of true sports stars. As we approach the final stretch of the season, there's a sense of pride in how far these players have come. They've built endurance, sharpened their skills, and developed a deeper understanding of the game. As they prepare to head back to school, they'll carry these lessons and experiences with them, ready to take on new challenges. It's been an incredible journey this summer, and we look forward to a strong finish as the season wraps up.

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# Native plants for challenging places

Right plant, very right place. That's one of the mottos of Grounded, the Haliburton-based ecological landscaping company. Simon Payn, Grounded's owner, says there's not much plants can't do when it comes to solving problems.

"You just have to choose the right plant for the right place," he says. "And if you choose native plants, you're choosing the very right plant for the very right place because native plants are used to growing in Haliburton County's conditions."

Payn says the most common challenging sites he sees are those that are very wet because of the lake, or those that are particularly shady.

"Most of our cottages are by lakes, and almost all our homes are carved out of the forest, so we're dealing with conditions you don't necessarily find in the GTA."

But Payn says wet conditions don't have to be a problem.

"You only have to look at the Highlands' wetlands to know there's plenty that can grow there," he says. "Some of our most interesting plants like to get their feet wet."

The Grounded owner says Swamp Milkweed is a favourite for damp, sunny sites. "It has beautiful purple flowers and of course is important for Monarch butterflies."

But there are plenty more: Cardinal Flower, Harlequin Blueflag and Common Boneset for the sun, and Turtlehead, Poke Milkweed and of course ferns for more shade.

"And don't forget sedges, for shadier sites. These grass-like plants form a foundation for many of our landscapes."

"There's going to be a sedge that's just perfect for your conditions. You can even use a few different species to create a kind of sedge tapestry."

What about other plants for shade? "If you're looking for flowers, spring and fall are when you're most likely to see them in a shady spot," says the landscaper. "Think of species of violet in spring, along with Early Meadowrue, Wild Blue Phlox, or Bunchberry. In the late summer and fall it's the turn of the asters and their plethora of

little daisy-like flowers..

"Don't forget that shrubs and trees, which are often comfortable in shadier sites, play an important role in spring, which is when they're most likely to flower. As a bonus, they often have colourful leaves in fall."

When it comes to dry, sunny places, the Grounded owner says it's often better to look a little to the south for inspiration.

"Here on the Canadian Shield, we don't have many sunny and dry unforested places. They're usually sites made by humans, such as a clearing around a house."

"But just to the south of here we find some prairie-loving plants. They're perfect."

Payn says species such as Rough Blazingstar, Butterfly Weed and Lanceleaf Coreopsis might be good choices.

"We also have access to some wonderful grasses. Little Bluestem is hugely successful at Lucas House in Haliburton, where it offers something different from month to month."

## Let plants be plants

The Grounded owner is keen to point out that these are merely suggestions. What's important is the actual conditions of the site: not just the moisture and sun levels but the nature of the soil and the plants that are already there.

"As gardeners, it helps to have a little humility," he says. "We need to let the location and the plant tell us what's right. And what's right isn't necessarily what we'd ideally want."

He says the good thing about native plants is that you're already half-way there because a native plant in the right place will be happy just getting along with life, without needing us to fuss with it.

"I hope that once we have a landscape full of happy plants, we notice it's also full of happy animals - and that in turn is what makes us happy."

To find out more about Grounded, visit [groundedgardens.ca](http://groundedgardens.ca).

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Simon Payn, Grounded



## Teeing off for Lisa Kerr and VDO

The Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament in support of the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County attracted 144 golfers to the Blairhampton Golf Course Aug. 22. Since May 2011, VDO has provided \$4.4 million worth of free dental treatments, to 1,290 patients during 12,100 appointments. VDO is celebrating its 14th year, and is continuing to grow. The late Lisa Kerr was one of the founders of the charity, and spent countless hours ensuring the clinic ran smoothly.

Top: Len and Karen Heise and Matthew and Landon Kelly wait their turn to drive on a hole. Middle: Tran and Chad LaRue, Glenn Hall and Trevor Kelly pose for a photo on a green. Above: Volunteers at the silent auction tent: Lauren Cusato, Leslie Cusato, Josh Rambajue and Dr. Mike Cusato. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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The new and the old light up Corner Gallery

The Corner Gallery in Haliburton featured artists from a previous exhibition, but also newer artists, Marissa Sweet and Renee Woltz, Aug. 10. The event attracted students from the Haliburton School of Art + Design, artists’ partners, as well as art enthusiasts, and cottagers. Sweet, who likes to canoe in Algonquin Provincial Park with her husband, takes inspiration from being on the water. “I’m a plein air artist, and I do like to set up on a smaller scale, and then transform into a bigger piece.” Woltz is a ceramics artist who is changing things up. “This is kind of an exploration in ceramic form, the concept of reconstructing, of deconstructing, and then reconstructing, taking a familiar form and reinterpreting it into something that’s different, and makes you think a little bit about our relationships and our place in the world,” she said. Woltz is “honoured” to be at the Corner Gallery. “It’s such a beautiful environment here, and the quality of the other work is phenomenal.” The gallery also hosts a ‘coffee and canvas’ event every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m., where art enthusiasts can drop into the gallery and discuss any aspect of art that interests them with fellow attendees.

Renee Woltz, an artist exhibiting at the Corner Gallery, stands beside a piece of her work inside the Corner Gallery.  
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**Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m.**  
Come out to Haliburton Forest to enjoy a rustic concern by the Grievous Angels, featuring politician, author, and broadcaster Charlie Angus. The show will take place in the logging museum. This is a fundraiser for County non-profit Places for People. For tickets, visit haliburtonfolk.com.

**Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Highland Grove Heritage Day at the community centre at 5373 Loop Rd. Music, bbq, yard sale, and visit the schoolhouse museum. Call Joanne at 705-448-2218 to rent a table, cost is \$5. All proceeds benefiting the schoolhouse museum.

**Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m.**  
Join the Minden and District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre for its monthly meeting. Guest speakers Hazel and Joe Cook will be discussing ‘beekeepers from a gardener’s perspective’. The junior members program, designed for children in Grade 2 or higher interested in all things that grow, will meet from 6 to 7 p.m.

**Sept. 7, 10 a.m.**  
Join artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward as they tour the sawdust burner that inspired their latest exhibit *Burner Herzog*, now on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. The day will begin at the gallery for a tour of the exhibit. There will be lunch and then a guided hike of the burner site. Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required. Email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763 ext. 542 to register. The rain date is Sept. 14.

**Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
SIRCH Repair Cafe returns - bring your broken textiles, toys, small appliances, computers, bicycles, lawn and garden tools, jewellery, wooden furniture, pottery and more to 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. For more information, or to become a volunteer fixer, contact 705-457-1742 or visit sirch.on.ca.

**Sept. 9, 1 p.m.**  
The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a special conversation with NHL great Bernie Nicholls about his book *From Floodlights to Bright Lights* at the Minden Hills library. Join us for a candid collection of memories from Bernie’s childhood growing up in West Guilford and his journey to NHL stardom.

**Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
The Kinark Outdoor Centre is hosting a free family community day, featuring activities like rock wall climbing, archery, canoeing and pedal boating. There will be a BBQ lunch. Located at 1766 Queen’s Line Road in Minden.

**Sept. 14, 2 to 6 p.m.**  
Aging Together as Community Haliburton Highlands invites you to ‘The Beat Goes On’, an outdoor social and musical event happening at the West Guilford Recreation Centre. Enjoy music with the Ukuladies and other local performers. There will also be a drumming circle, sing alongs, and instrument testing. A cold buffet dinner will be served at no cost. Bring your lawn chair. To register, contact Connie Wood at constancewood@gmail.com or 705-457-7215.

**Have a non-profit event you want advertised?**  
email [mike@thehighlander.ca](mailto:mike@thehighlander.ca).

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities**  
**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.  
**Tuesdays:** League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.  
**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine. There’s a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.  
**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  
**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.  
**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.  
**Clubroom hours:** Mon closed, Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Cobocnk**  
**Second Monday of the month:** General meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesdays:** Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.  
**First Wednesday of the month:** Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.  
**Saturdays:** Meat Roll at 3 p.m.  
**Aug. 30 - Lunch:** shepherd’s pie or liver and onions, \$13 per person. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food bank donations would be appreciated.

**Vendors Wanted -** yard, craft and bake sale. Taking place Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Oct. 19 -** Loonie auction at 7 p.m.  
For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

**Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden**  
**Monday - Thursday:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers’ Tuesday.  
**Friday** Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.  
**Saturday** all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541  
**Weekly activities:**  
Karaoke: call for dates  
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m. Rug Hookers every second week.  
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce**  
Mon: 6 to 10 p.m. Evening darts at 7 p.m.  
Tues: closed, Weds: 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.  
Thurs: 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes at 7 p.m.  
Sat: 2 to 11 p.m. Meat draw. Sun: closed

**Sept. 5/19:** HHHS social and recreation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Sept. 6:** fish and chips, chicken fingers  
**Sept. 8:** L.A. breakfast  
**Sept. 13/27:** wings and jam night, seniors’ lunch  
**Sept. 14:** Horseshoe tournament all day  
**Sept. 20:** chicken parmesan dinner  
**Sept. 21:** shrimp boil and karaoke, open til 1 a.m.

Please call the branch at 705-448-2221 to arrange your event.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED ROGERS  
60 METRE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SELF-SUPPORT TOWER INSTALLATION

**Proposal:**  
Rogers is proposing an antenna system north of 1075 Sucie Rd., Highland Grove, which consists of the following: a 60m self-support tower in a fenced compound, located towards the northern end of the property.

Rogers will host a Public Information & Comment Session via Zoom from 2pm-3pm on October 1st, 2024. Please register for the virtual public meeting by 3pm on September 30th by contacting Eric Belchamber.

Rogers invites you to provide by mail or email your comments, and/or request to be informed of the Municipality's position on the proposed antenna system before 5pm October 15th, 2023. All concerns or comments are to be directed to Eric Belchamber, and not the local municipality.

Rogers attests that the installation will respect good engineering practices including structural adequacy and attests that the general public will be protected in compliance with Health Canada's Safety Code 6.

Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED) is the sole approving authority for the siting of telecommunications facilities. The Municipality of Highlands East only provides a statement of siting concurrence/non-concurrence at the request of the proponent.

Rogers does not expect Transport Canada will require the tower to be lit and Rogers will provide Transport Canada's requirements once they become available.

Rogers attests that the Proposed Installation is not located within federal lands nor is it incidental to, or form part of, projects that are designated under the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* (Impact Assessment Act) or by the Minister of the Environment as requiring an environmental assessment.



AVIS PUBLIC

PROPOSITION DE ROGERS  
60 MÈTRES TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS SANS FIL  
INSTALLATION D'UNE TOUR CELLULAIRE AUTO-PORTANTE

**Proposition :**  
Rogers propose un système d'antenne au nord du 1075, chemin Sucie, Highland Grove, qui comprend ce qui suit : une tour autoportante de 60 m dans une enceinte clôturée, située vers l'extrémité nord de la propriété.

Rogers organisera une séance d'information et de commentaires publics via Zoom de 14 h à 15 h le 1er octobre 2024. Veuillez vous inscrire à la réunion publique virtuelle avant 15 heures le 30 septembre en contactant Eric Belchamber.

Rogers vous invite à lui faire part de vos commentaires par courrier ou par courriel, et/ou à demander à être informé de la position de la municipalité sur le système d'antenne proposé avant le 15 octobre 2023 à 17 heures. Toutes les préoccupations et tous les commentaires doivent être adressés à Eric Belchamber, et non à la municipalité locale.

Rogers atteste que l'installation respectera les bonnes pratiques d'ingénierie, y compris l'adéquation de la structure, et que le grand public sera protégé conformément au Code de sécurité 6 de Santé Canada.

Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada (ISED) est la seule autorité d'approbation pour l'implantation d'installations de télécommunications. La municipalité de Highlands East ne fournit une déclaration d'approbation ou de non approbation de l'emplacement qu'à la demande du promoteur.

Rogers ne s'attend pas à ce que Transports Canada exige que la tour soit éclairée et Rogers fournira les exigences de

Rogers atteste que l'installation proposée n'est pas située sur des terres fédérales et qu'elle n'est pas non plus accessoire à des projets ou ne fait pas partie de projets qui sont désignés en vertu du Règlement sur la désignation des activités concrètes (Loi sur les études d'impact) ou par le ministre de l'Environnement comme devant faire l'objet d'une évaluation environnementale. Transports Canada dès qu'elles seront disponibles.





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OBITUARIES



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Muriel Ruth Cooper (Leeder)**


Passed away peacefully in London, Ontario on Thursday, August 15, 2024 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease at the age of 75.

Ruth was born in Orangeville, Ontario on September 19, 1948 to Muriel Jane "Jessie" Leeder (Bice) (Minden) and Gerald Rodger Leeder (Bracebridge). She grew up in Inglewood, Ontario with summers in Kearney, Ontario. Ruth received her teaching certificate in 1968 and taught for several years before becoming a home maker. She taught piano and was a private tutor. Ruth loved music, dancing, her family and her garden.


Ruth is predeceased by her loving husband Garry Cooper (2019), her parents Jessie and Gerald, her mother-in-law Holly, her father-in-law Fred, her stepmother-in-law Illa and her brother-in-law Jerald. Ruth is survived by her two sons Jonathan (Janice) and Andrew (Lori), her four grandchildren Amelia, Benjamin, Caleb and Phoenix, her brother John Leeder (Marge) and her sister Beth Topps-Willems, her brother-in-law Ralph (Cathy), her sister-in-law Colleen (Bob), her two stepchildren Sally and Mark (Pam), their children Lily, Cameron, Raven, Robin (father, Daniel) and also by many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Ruth's Life at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Algonquin Highlands.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Colleen Margaret Douglas**


Passed away after a long illness surrounded by her loving family on August 24, 2024.

Beloved wife of Ian Douglas and cherished mother of Michelle (Dan), Nancy (predeceased), Jeremy (Natasha). Grandmother to Trey (Maria), Remi, Hanna, and Harvey. Sister to Marilyn Mighton and Joan Linnell (predeceased). Sister in law to Doris and Lavergne Morrison, Paul and Wendy Douglas, and Peter Douglas (predeceased). Colleen will be missed dearly by the Carson and Payne families and her best childhood friends Maureen Maclean and Heather Weaver.


Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Visitation at the Lakeside Church, 9 Park St., Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0, on Friday, August 30, 2024 from 11:30 am until the time of the Memorial Service to Celebrate Colleen's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Church downstairs.

Colleen, our wonderful friend will be greatly missed. Please bring your fondest memories of Colleen to share with family and friends.

Memorial donations can be made in memory of Colleen to Snowflake Meadows Rescue (by cheque only) or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.




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*In Loving Memory of*  
**George Gibb**

Passed away peacefully on Aug. 22, 2024 in Beeton, ON. Loving husband of the late Mary Gibb. Loved dad to Kevin (Allison) and Stacey. Proud Pa to Isla. George will be missed by his extended family and many friends. Together with Mary, George owned and operated George's Auto for many years in both Beeton and Haliburton. The family would like to thank Dr. M. McCann and the many Nurses and PSWs that took such great care of him. A celebration of George's life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15th from 12 – 4 at Kevin's house in Orangeville. Please reach out to Kevin or Stacey for the address. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to Matthews House Hospice or the Alzheimer's Society would be greatly appreciated. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).



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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Elgin MacDuff**

Peacefully at the Marianhill Residence on Friday August 23, 2024 at the age of 90 years. Elgin MacDuff, beloved husband of the late Yvonne MacDuff (nee Sisson), (January 2024). Loved father of Mark MacDuff (late Sandra), Dundas ON, and Diane Evans (Mark), Pembroke. Loving grandfather to Brendan and Malcolm MacDuff, Carla Neilly (Ryan), Mt. Albert, Elisa Noseworthy (Steve), Bethany Evans (Jesse) both of Pembroke and great grandchildren Damian, Skyler, Brody and Mya. Dear brother of Marie Dewey (James) and predeceased by sisters Violet, Sissy, Marjorie and brothers George, Kenneth and Preston. Son of the late David and Charlotte (nee Dovell) MacDuff. Survived by many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A Family Service of Remembrance will be held in Gooderham Cemetery, Gooderham ON at a later date.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses and psw's at Marianhill for the kind compassionate care shown to our father during his stay there.

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YARD SALES



YARD SALES

HUGE YARD SALE – 10404 Hwy 118, Maple Lake. Friday, Aug 30th, Saturday, Aug 31st, Sunday, Sept 1st. from 9 a.m. Furniture, exercise equipment, X Box games, kitchen stuff, totes & more more more!!!

HUGE YARD SALE – 1112 Plantation Rd, Saturday, Aug 31st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tools, tackle boxes, glassware, lamps, books, vases, décor, etc. etc. etc!!! Rain or Shine !!

YARD SALE – 646 Mountain Street, Friday, Aug 30th, Saturday, Aug 31st & Sept 1st from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many items, something for everyone!!

CONTENT SALE - 1287 Hamilton Road, Friday, Aug 30th Saturday, Aug 31st, Sunday, Sept 1st from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ATV, log splitter, chain saws, tools, freezer, furniture, & LOTS MORE !! Come by and get it before it's gone!

TWO-FAMILY YARD SALE - 1658 Horseshoe Lake Rd, Minden. Saturday, Aug 31st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Variety of items, mostly garage oriented, golf bag/cart, a few clubs, some lawn & garden equipment. All priced to GO!

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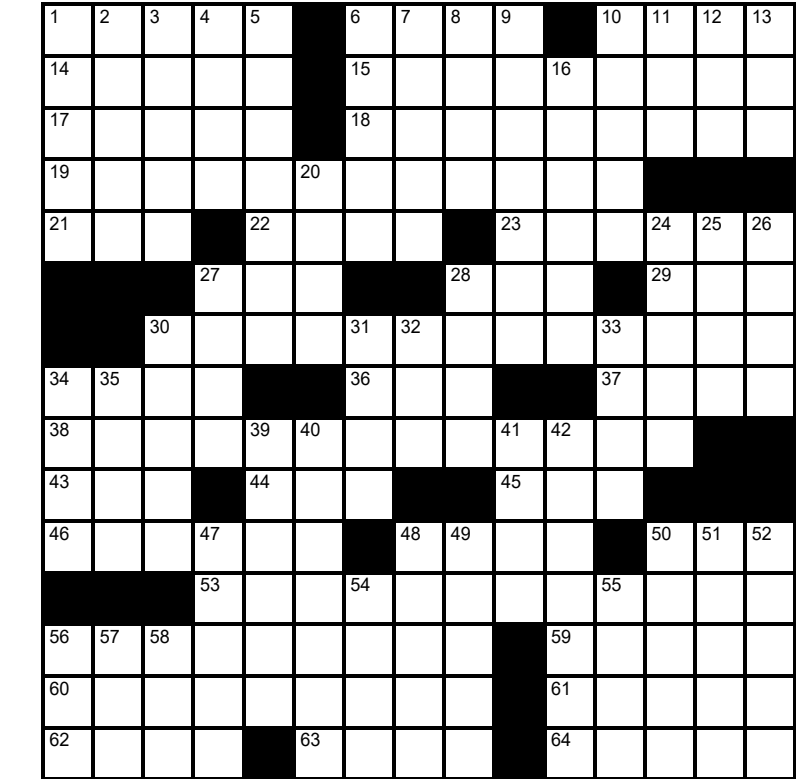
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Across

- 1 Event with a gavel and a gown  
6 \_\_\_'s apple (throat protrusion)  
10 Egg collector's destination  
14 First word at a meeting?  
15 Orange/yellow flowers  
17 Environs  
18 Pre-prepped, as TV dinners  
19 Image in a miner's dream?  
21 Suffix with chlor- and fluor-  
22 Seeks damages from  
23 Trigonometry function  
27 Tiny river isle  
28 Small head?  
29 Streaking or planking, e.g.  
30 Mining an ore site with a partner?  
34 Fill to the gills  
36 Played the first card  
37 Sask. neighbour  
38 Is familiar with a rock boring tool?  
43 With one flat, musically  
44 Three letters?  
45 Last card in a solitaire column  
46 Firefox alternative  
48 Arid as a desert  
50 Identifying as one's birth gender  
53 What the dynamite crew is doing at the mine?  
56 Unlikely reply to "Let's jump off the cliff and see if we can fly"  
59 \_\_\_ grievance (gripes)  
60 Transferred, as cargo to a dock  
61 Tile gap goo  
62 Hissed "hey!"  
63 Team's disappointment  
64 Inventory data

Down

- 1 "Not \_\_\_ know of"  
2 Between-seasons show  
3 Actress Graff or Kristen  
4 With 28-Down, "Shane" star  
5 Flips out



- 6 "Get \_\_\_ on!" (words to a dawdler)  
7 Lasagna-loving cat creator  
8 Bellicose Greek god  
9 Handheld film recorder  
10 Filmmaking brothers  
11 Joky suffix with "pay"  
12 Unusual  
13 "Gangnam Style" rapper  
16 Tongue and \_\_\_ wood siding  
20 Certain Protestant: Abbr.  
24 Beatles hit "If \_\_\_"  
25 Trade sch. in Edmonton  
26 11th most popular girl's name in 1898  
27 Give \_\_\_ look to (renovate, say)  
28 See 4-Down  
30 Words after call or knock  
31 Grade school gamut  
32 "I told you!"  
33 \_\_\_ of tears  
34 Buys with boots and bindings  
35 Tolstoy's Karenina  
39 Upper air level, with -sphere  
40 Like verbal fluff  
41 \_\_\_ avis (one-of-a-kind sort)  
42 They might make cooler heads?  
47 Come to \_\_\_ (stop short)  
48 Old-time daggers  
49 "Zooks!" cousin  
50 Ear-tugging Burnett  
52 Sports figures?  
54 "\_\_\_ Anything" ("Oliver!" song)  
55 Vatican coin, once  
56 Republicans nickname, for short  
57 Some MLB positions  
58 Flunking grades



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## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER IN THE HIGHLANDS



### Showing their true colours

Participants in the Pride river parade make their way down the Gull River Aug. 25 as Minden Pride week came to a close. The rainbow street festival filled Water Street with members of the LGBTQ+ community, and allies, celebrating diversity. See inside for more of the events that took place. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*





### Cheekiness, the arts, human-ness, diversity and Deco-dence at Burlesque Ball

It was a night of drag, performances by Burlesque dancers, and fun, all while celebrating diversity and Pride at Deco-dence Aug. 23. The event was put on by Red Events and the Haliburton Arts Centre Foundation. Deco-dence celebrated cheekiness, the arts, human-ness, diversity and a whole lot of Deco-dence. Artists, residents, business owners, and others came out to celebrate at the sold-out affair. Artists Hendrika Sonnenberg and Chris Hanson had an art installation inside one of the halls inside the Pinestone Resort. Drag queens Sandy Joint, Plumvicious and Divine Darlin' gave the crowd a night to remember.

Left: Plumvicious performs at Deco-dence Aug. 23. Above: Geoff Schultz and Tony Aymong pose for the cameras. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



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### Storytime fun, not a drag

Laughter filled the room at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library Aug. 22 as Auntie Plum, real name Shawn Smandych, returned for another drag queen story time event, in partnership with Minden Pride. With around 40 people in attendance, Smandych discussed the importance of the event, saying it's about having fun and encouraging people to be themselves. He read LGBTQ+ themed books *The Sublime Ms. Stacks*, *Uncle Bobby's Wedding*, and *You Might be Special*, while participating in a Q&A session to end. Minden Pride chair, Allan Guinan, said the story time events – with another held in Minden Aug. 20 – were well-received. “What we’re trying to do is spread the word that love is love, that everyone needs to be kind and generous and accepting of everyone.”

Madison Walsh, 8, Riley Walsh, 5, Chloe Arsenault, 10, and Logan Arsenault, 7, pose for a photo with Auntie Plum.  
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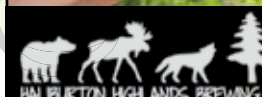
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Above left: Allan Guinan, Caroline Hughes, Chris Rock, Soren Gatto, Christa Gatto and Chris Hewson at the Mad Hatter tea party, a Minden Pride event, Aug. 24. Above: Hewson and Kate Booth have a conversation at Hook Line and Sinker. Left: Kate B., Jackie Wells, Tianna Henry and Holly Stirling. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

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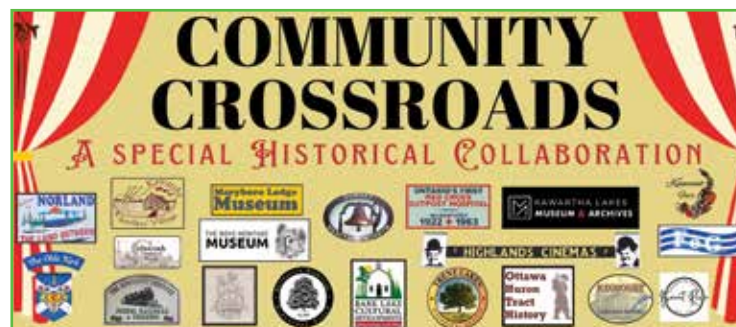
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### Unicorns, swans and a moose show their pride

Minden Pride held its annual Rainbow Street Festival on Water Street Aug. 25. It featured artists, local businesses, and organizations, selling Pride-related merchandise and products. The 'Float with Pride' river parade also made its return to the Gull River. Large unicorns, swans, a moose, and motorcycle floaties made a river appearance.

Top: Griffin, Saphira and Bonnie Pentney inside their business stand at the Rainbow Street Festival on Water Street Aug. 25. Middle: A Minden Pride volunteer and April Kernoghan, looking at Minden Pride merchandise. Above: Reed Sacharoff, owner of The Wolf Moon gift shop, and Emily Babut, checking out some merchandise from the Wolf Moon. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



# Haliburton gay man found his place and people

By Lillie Qiu

Codie Hunt, better known by his pen name, R. C. Hannah, has just published *Death and Red Trilliums: Haliburton - Book 1*, - about a boy growing up gay in Haliburton County.

Hannah said he drew a lot on his personal experiences when writing the book. The novel is a thriller that takes place in a post-apocalyptic Haliburton world. There is a bit of romance thrown in as well.

Hannah thinks his experience of growing up gay in a small town gives him a unique perspective. "I think I got to see the town in a way that other people didn't, and so only I could write it in that viewpoint, and it's made me funny, because I have thick skin. The book's funny."

On growing up in Haliburton County and being gay, Hannah said it wasn't the easiest thing.

"I'm in my early 30s now, so the town's changed quite a bit since I grew up here. And I was never in the closet. I don't have that luxury. I'm very obviously gay, just on the outside and with my voice. But I found my place, I found my people, and it's made me who I am now. So, I'm happy that I had that experience."

Characters in the book feel familiar to Hannah. "I have an idea in my mind of people I've crossed paths with in my life, like there's a character in the book

that's inspired by my mother. It's not the character's mother, but I took some of the traits from her, and sort of intermixed them into this other character, and it gave her life."

The protagonist's name is Cory Thomas, who has never fit in. He quietly works on his art, and goes through the motions of his job. He tolerates his small-town life, but dreams of more.

The initial feedback about the book has been quite positive. "I mean, it's a thriller, so it needs to build. I could have built a little faster, but I also spent the time developing the characters, so I know what to do for the next ones."

Hannah is one of few authors to have written a book based in Haliburton, according to him.

It took Hannah about a year to write the book.

*Death and Red Trilliums: Haliburton - Book 1* came out May 30 and is 259 pages. Hannah was doing a book signing and selling his book at the Rainbow Street Festival as part of Minden Pride Aug. 25. The book is available on Amazon and on Kindle, as well as in paperback.

Codie Hunt, better known as R.C. Hannah at his stand at the Rainbow Street Festival in Minden Aug. 25. *Submitted.*



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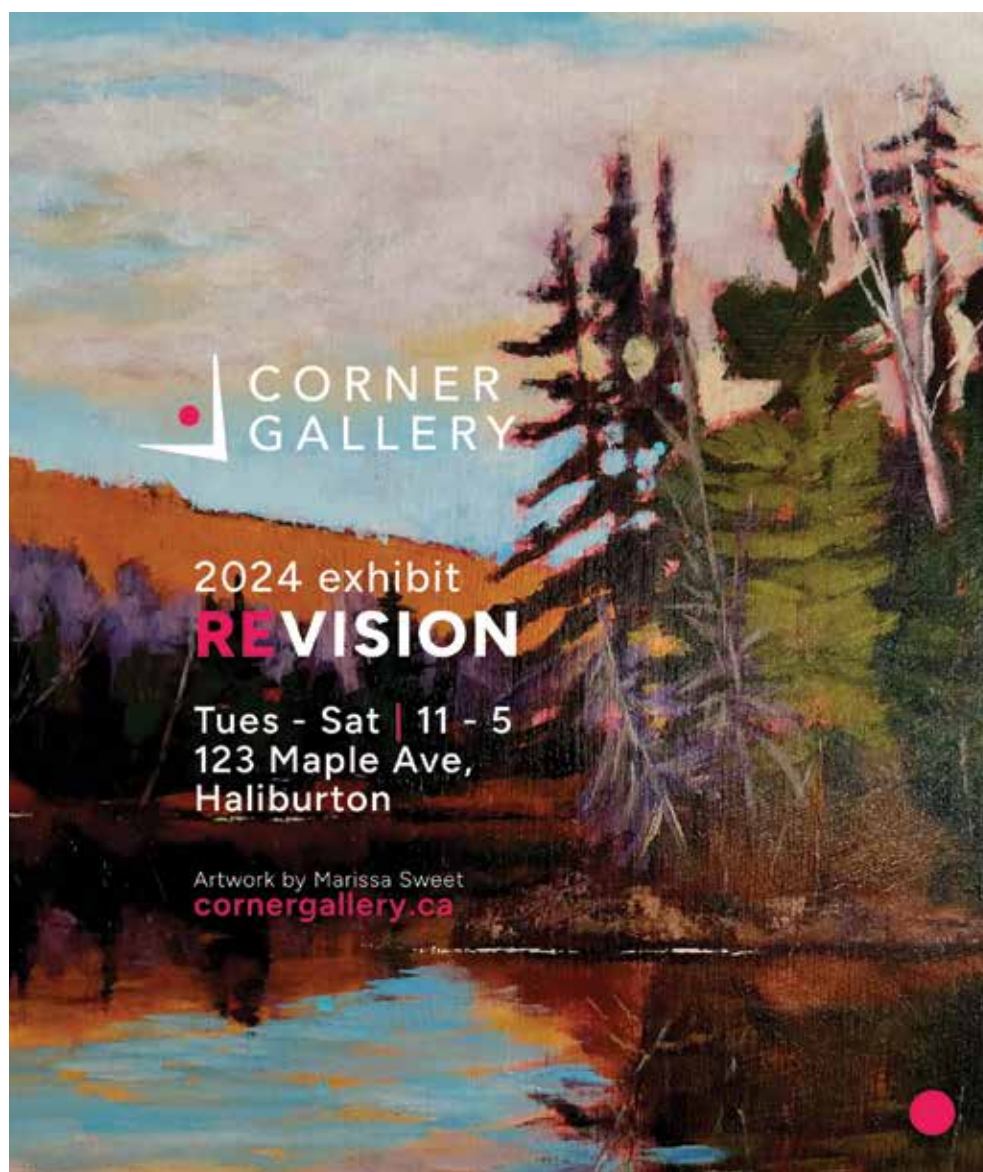
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### Thursday Aug 29

Rockcliffe - trivia night, 7 p.m.

Boshkung Social - live music, 6 - 9 p.m.

### Friday Aug 30

Haliburton Highlands Brewing - Thom Lambert,  
7 - 9 p.m.

### Saturday Aug 31

Dominion Hotel - Gord Kidd and Friends, 6:00 p.m.

Rockcliffe - Big Shinny Goons

Sir Sam's Inn - live music in Gunner's -  
Bill Black, 8 - 10 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Brewing - Carl  
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Haliburton Highlands Brewing - Loney, Love  
& Love, 3 - 5 p.m.

Bonnieview - 100th Year Birthday Bash -  
The Ya Babys 1 - 4 p.m.

### Tuesday Sept 3

Dominion Hotel - Tiki Tuesday -  
Gary and the Rough Ideas, 5 p.m.

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